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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN RUNNERS MIRUTS YIFTER AND YOHANNES MOHAMMED

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1. ETHIOPIAN TRACK FEDERATION CONTACT TADELLE MELESE HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT SUBJECT ATHLETES WERE NOT ABLE TO TRAVEL TO TRACK MEET IN QUESTION BECAUSE FEDERATION DID NOT FEEL THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH TIME AVAILABLE TO PROCESS NECESSARY ETHIOPIAN EXIT AND US VISAS, MAKE LONG JOURNEY TO US AND STILL ALLOW THELETES PERFORM WELL. HE EXPLAINED THAT FEDERATION DOES NOT NORMALLY BEGIN PROCESSING ATHLETE' VISAS UNTIL TICKETS RECEIVED. MELESSE INDICATED AAU CABLED HIM JANUARY 5 TICKETS WOULD ARRIVE VIA ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES CHANNELS; THUS HE STATED HE DID NOT EXPECT TICKETS TO ARRIVE PAN AM. HE STATED FURTHER THAT FINAL CONFIRMATION TICKETS WOULD ARRIVE PAN AM NOT RECEIVED BY HIM UNTIL JANUARY 9.

2. PAN AM ADDIS STATES THEY RECEIVED TELEX ADVISING OF TICKETS FOR ATHLETES JANUARY 2, AND THEIR RECORDS INDICATE MESSAGE WAS LEFT TRACK FEDERATION JANAURY 3 OF TICKETS' ARRIVAL. IGNAME EMPLOYEE WHO DEALT WITH CASE NOW ON VACATION AND CAN NOT BE REACHED. OTHER PANAM EMPLOYEES, HOWEVER, NOTICED MELESE IN THEIR OFFICE JANUARY 4 OR 5 AND JANAURY 8 IN ADDITION TO HIS JANAURY APPEARANCE.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR US VISAS NOT FILED, NOR WERE ANY INQUIRIES MADE AT EMBASSY FROM ANY QUARTER RE SUBJECT
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ATHLETES' VISAS. NORMAL PROCESSING TIME FOR VISAS OF THIS

NATURE LESS THAN THIRTY MINUTES. INFREQUENT PREVIOUS VISA APPLICATIONS FOR RUNNERS HAVE BEEN EXPEDITIOUSLY PROCESSED.

4M COMMENT: RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT ADVISE AAU THAT US VISAS NOT APPLIED FOR EMBASSY ADDIS, AND THAT TRACK FEDERATION APPARENTLY DID NOT FEEL THERE WAS SUFFICIENT TIME TO PROCESS ETHIOPIAN EXIT VISAS, MAKE JOURNEY TO US AND HAVE ATHLETES PERFORM UP TO PAR. NORMAL PROCESSING TIME ETHIOPIAN EXIT VISAS THREE DAYS, ALTHOUGH TRACK FEDERATION MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING SOMEWHAT. JANUARY 7 WAS ETHIOPIAN CHRISTMAS, AND IEF OFFICES WERE CLOSED. FYI: IN PHONE CONVERSATION MELESSE INDICATED THAT HE HAD HOPED TO HAVE THIRD ATHLETE ATTEND MEET, BUT THAT AAU WOULD ONLY AGREE TO PARTIALLY FINANCE HIS TRIP. IT POSSIBLE THAT TRACK FEDERATION WAS PIQUED BY AAU REFUSAL TO FINANCE THIRD ATHLETE AND THUS DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND MEET. FACT THAT WEEK-END PRIOR TO MEET WAS LOCAL CHRISTMAS MAY ALSO HAVE HAD BEARING. PANAM ADDIS QUITE EFFICIENT, AND IT UNLIKELY THAT IF MELESSE VISITED THEIR OFFICE JANUARY 4 OR 5 AND 8 HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF TICKETS' ARRIVAL. END FUI. IF AAU INTENT ON PURSUING MATTER FURTHER, IT MAY CONTACT TRACK FEDERATION DIRECTLY AT TELEPHONE NO 445415, ADDIS. MELESSE ADVISED EMBASSY HE EXPECTS ATHLETE TO DEPART ADDIS JANUARY 22 VIA ALITALIA FOR JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 9 MEETS IN US. ADAIR

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